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Shown above is Ms. Mayan Anthony, Grand Prize Winner in the senior competition at Concorde School of Hair Design, in Bloomfield, NJ. The award was determined by the highest point total after two months in some 35 categories.

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Concorde Star from page 1

Ms. Anthony is originally from St. Thomas,
 Virgin Islands and moved to Orange, NJ just 3 years
 ago. At 39 years of age she took the big step towards
 a new career at Concorde. In addition to successful-
 ly completing her program she also achieved her
 high school equivalency through the school's special
 GED preparation program, and is now ready to be
 licensed as a professional cosmetologist.

According to Ms. Anthony, "My 22 year old
 daughter Natasha Riviere, who encouraged me to
 achieve my dreams and that it wasn't too late to start
 a new career. It is with great pride that I accept this
 award and I especially thank my daughter Natasha,
 who pushed me to attend school even on those days
 when I really wanted to stay home. I hope all the
 students at Concorde will recognize the importance
 of staying in school and completing their program.
 If I can do it at my age then the younger students can
 surely graduate. The school provided me all the help
 and guidance I needed to fulfill my dream and now
 I can see a bright future. I wish to thank the teach-
 ing staff for their unyielding effort, understanding and
 personal attention to her needs, without them and
 their guidance it would have been a difficult situa-
 tion."

According to Louis LaMonica, Director at
 Concorde, "Our school is always developing new
 ways to motivate our students and let them see just
 how good they can be. Competitions like this one
 are a great tool to help them develop their talent and
 stay involved. We know these students can get good
 jobs when they graduate. All they have to do is stay
 in school."

Concorde, which also has a location in Ocean
 Township, has been training successful graduates
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 ship with Natural Motion Cosmetology Training
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 school has adopted the Natural Motion Video
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SITUATIONAL DEMOCRATS

The time has come for the black community to decide whether or not we should continue to support the Essex County Democratic Party or form our own "Freedom Democratic Party".

For the second time in four years, white democrats have failed to support the candidacy of a "qualified" black person seeking the office of Essex County Executive.

The math on this one is easy, Democrats outnumber Republicans by a margin of 3 to 1 in Essex county so there is absolutely no excuse for Cardell Cooper in 1994, and now Ken Gibson in 1998 to have lost their bid to become Essex County Executive.

The black community can and should deal with those black elected officials who supported the Republican Jim Treffinger. We can even deal with our so-called Puerto Rican brother Luis Quintana, for his treachery, by never casting a vote for him again—even if his is the only name on the ballot.

The BIG problem is white Democrats. They have shown an absolute unwillingness to vote for black candidates, seeking the top elective office in the county, the office of Essex County Executive.

In many respects, this problem is caused by the willingness of our "political leaders" to play along, like "puppets", with the likes of Steve Aduabato of the North Ward Center and those of his ilk.

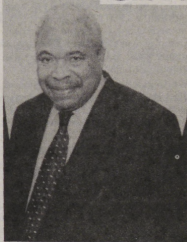
The black community has been supportive of and loyal to the Democratic Party for seventy years. We have supported every white candidate the party has chosen to be its standard bearer. We have never questioned the qualifications of any white Democratic candidate for public office in Essex County.

The proof of this is the fact that Thomas D'Alessio, who barely graduated from high school, won the election for Essex County Executive in 1990. Not exactly the greatest qualifications for running a county government that spends in excess of a half billion dollars annually.

But get this, of the twenty two towns and cities that comprise Essex County, Mr. D'Alessio, who lives in Nutley, won a majority of the votes cast in "only" five of the twenty-two towns; Newark, East Orange, Irvington, Montclair, and Orange. The majority population in each of these towns is African American!!

The events of November 3, 1998 make it painfully clear to a new generation of young black men and women that white folks have no intention of dealing with blacks as equals, much less as political equals—But, this new generation is not going to take it!!

Kenneth A. Gibson



I wish to thank the people who voted for me and those that worked in my behalf"



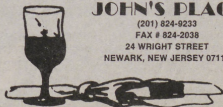
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"THE MOVERS AND SHAKERS"

This column highlights a person from the community who has made, is making, or, in the opinion of our staff, will soon be making an important contribution to the quality of life of the residents of the Greater Essex County area.

Former three-time Golden Glove Champion, Larry Hazzard, Sr. was the chief boxing referee in New Jersey when he was appointed as Commissioner to the Athletic Control Board in late 1985 by Governor Tom Kean, and by every subsequent Governor.

Born in Newark, NJ, Hazzard first took an interest in boxing as an elementary school student in Newark in the 1950's. The greatest legends in boxing, including Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson, inspired him to seek a career in boxing. Not only did he admire their abilities in boxing, but also their contributions to mankind.

While attending Central High School in Newark, Hazzard also reached the peak of his amateur boxing career. A three-time Golden Glove Champion in the 1960's, he also won the New Jersey State A.A.U. Championship during the same time period.

In 1967 he began his noted career as a referee. During his spare time, he refereed amateur boxing throughout the tri-state area.

Hazzard earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Essex County College in 1970 and a Bachelor of Arts Degree (cum laude) from Montclair State College in 1973. That same year, he accepted his first teaching job at Arts High School as a Physical Education and Health Instructor.

In 1978 Hazzard began his professional refereeing career and at the same time enrolled in the graduate program at Montclair State. He received his Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision of Education in 1980. Subsequently, he became Vice Principal at Westside High School in Newark and Principal of Broadway Junior High School in Newark.

Quantas Magazine and Timex Corporation elected him "Referee of the Year" in 1983. By 1985, he had refereed numerous world championship fights in every weight class around the world, involving some of the greatest boxers of the modern boxing era.

He was sworn in as Athletic Commissioner for the State of New Jersey on February 27, 1986. Under Hazzard's leadership, New Jersey has emerged as a major world boxing venue. It is recognized as having the most comprehensive rules, reg-



ulations and policies enforcing safe professional boxing anywhere.

As Commissioner, Hazzard is recognized worldwide as a leader and authority in the boxing industry. His efforts to establish rules and regulations that maximize safety during competitions, as well as the establishment of a Boxer Pension and Retirement Plan have been the motivating forces to encourage other boxing governing organizations to do likewise. He has also been responsible for worldclass boxing officiating changes.

Hazzard has conducted numerous refereeing seminars for world sanctioning organizations and state commissions around the country, and is a frequent guest on various television and radio programs involving boxing. He has also lectured to graduate students of Sports Administration at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, and has been the subject of numerous magazine and newspaper articles involving the progressive and innovative administration of professional boxing.

On November 14, 1986, Hazzard was inducted into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame. In 1989 he was voted "Boxing Commissioner of the Year"

by the World Boxing Association. He is often mentioned as the best choice for National Commissioner of Boxing. On June 13, 1991, Hazzard was inducted into the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame. The New Jersey Sports Writers Association inducted Hazzard into its Hall of Fame on February 2, 1992 for his outstanding career as a boxing referee and commissioner.

Hazzard is a distinguished member in good standing with every major boxing organization throughout the world, including the World Boxing Council, World Boxing Association, International Boxing Federation, World Boxing Union, International Boxing Councils, North American Boxing Federation, United States Boxing Association, and the World Boxing Organization. He also serves as a member of the St. James A.M.E. Church and its Preparatory School Board, and is the Director for the North Eastern Region of the Association of Boxing Commissioners, in addition to his lifetime membership with the N.A.A.C.P.

Hazzard and his wife, Patricia, have three children and three grandchildren. They reside in Edison.

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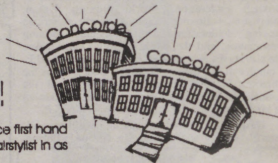


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Giving something back was a philosophy that Mr. Giles held dear from his childhood, his daughter recalled yesterday.

"He believed that if you are fortunate, and you have the skills, then you had to help other people. That's just part of your mandate," his daughter, Sharon Giles Alexander of Roseland, said of her father's lifelong ideology. "It was instilled in him as a child."

Today, Alexander said, it would be her father's wish to have others practice that philosophy.

Mr. Giles, noted for raising more than \$1 Million for the United Negro College Fund and a founding member of the 100 Black Men of America service organization. In addition to his daughter, Mr. Giles is survived by his wife years of 51 years, Althea; two sons, William R. Jr. and Kevin E., both of West Orange, and a sister Sara Johnson of Elmhurst, N.Y.

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The Black Mirror News is always looking for talented, beautiful young lady models to dress up our covers. Somerset, N.J. has a candidate, Shaune Gibson, who we see laughing it up with Debra Mitchell and Mercedes Vargas ... Peppermint Lounge will be back, so don't fret says John Stedart and Morris (our man) Thomas ... East Orange scene, Otis and Carol together-smiles ... Oct. 29th Katrina Madison celebrated her day at the Thursday Jazz show. Her table was lined up twenty deep, ten happy folks on each side of the table with a gorgeous cake-smiles ... Sam Manegult B-Day was the same day and we wished him the same, a million days of happiness ... Denise Hamilton always gives a frolic at the end of the season. They tell me that it was the greatest get-together at Denise's Place in Montclair, NJ ... An excellent Xmas gift should be James Oranges, "Lotus", a book of poems sold at the Tunde Dada House of Africa, 356 Main St., in Orange, NJ ... Concord School of Hair design has another star pupil at K & K Barber Shop on Hoffman Blvd. His name is Robert Williams ... Northern Ned Jersey Black Nurses Association members celebrated their 10th anniversary at the Marriott Hotel two Sundays ago. It was the greatest ... Hilton Davis says the food is best at Food Court Catering by Design because Shirley M. Cook is one of the masters-smiles ... 30

FALLING LEAVES

HAROLD MITCHELL

a giant of Newark's jazz era


It was during Newark's Golden Age of music. Musicians played at clubs on every corner. They wore zoot suit's and brim hats, and played a new music called swing. And there was this kid with a horn.

His name was Harold Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell - everyone called him Hal - emerged as one of the most significant musicians of the city's heady jazz era in the 1930s and 1940s. He played clubs around the country-but always called Newark home.

"He was one of the pioneers really," said Walter Darden, a saxophone player. "He played all the local clubs, but he went on, to bigger and better things. He was versatile. He played something of everything."

He lived on North Ninth Street in Newark. He is survived by his wife, Helen Mitchell; children, Allan L. of Newark, Harold Jr. of Newark and Marie Z. Parham of Aberdeen, Md.; a stepdaughter, Nyeta Riley of East Orange; one granddaughter; and a sister, Ethel Cunningham of Newark.

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The "Shadow" overheard two sisters talking the other day, one said, "this real cute guy" asked her if he could take her to the movies, she said o.k. and she said he told her to meet him inside at the candy counter, and I bet he didn't even have money for candy... and before I forget, that young sister that moved recently from 14th Ave. in Newark to Maplewood - you forgot to leave your 'project' mentality behind - The "Shadow" heard you cussin' out another sister outside of the nail salon in Irvington the other day and you have invented a whole new set of curse words. I'd never heard some of the words you used... Here's the "Shadow's" hot tip of the day, the residents of that house on Sunset, in Vailburg, had better keep watch you're doing on the "down low," cause everybody knows what's going on inside. Your place has more traffic than Penn Station on a busy day! And remember, all of he cars that park outside are not customers, some of them belong to the narcs - and just like the "Shadow" they are watching you...

To that poor, sorry, sister on So. 14th Street in Newark, who is chasing after her baby's father hoping that he will help take care of the baby - give it up, it ain't gonna happen, you were used and abused. Think back when your belly "popped" out, he "popped" out of the picture.

Congratulations go out to the young lady who does the stroll on William Street in Orange. She can be seen both day and night out on the block trying to stop cars, she's out there in the rain, the heat or any inclement

weather, plying her trade. She is dedicated to her professional career. She is so devoted that her fellow street walkers voted for her as the "hardest" working girl in "Ho Business"...

Ever wonder why there are so many Chinese restaurants, Korean and Vietnamese fish stores and fast food joints in our neighborhoods? Is it because the sisters don't know how to cook? Or they just don't feel like missing their soaps to fix the family a decent meal once in awhile?

I sure hope the two brothers who drive around the towns in Essex county know what they are doing, they have a white Mercedes and a black Lexus convertible, the two cars together cost more than the average hard working family man makes in a lifetime, and these two young brothers don't even have social security cards. But remember all good things must come to an end.

I want to remind you to register to vote, if you can, remember those who can't like prisoners who have served time, this includes Mike Tyson then there are the other brothers who can't vote, like 2Pac Shakur and all of those who have gone on to the other place by way of the funeral home.

The "Shadow's" heart goes out to the three elderly men who can be seen each day and night sitting in the lobby of a downtown Newark hotel on Park Place, just sitting and watching the young girls come and go, day after day, they dream of the past

as their eyes write checks that their bodies can't cash, cause their bodies have been overdrawn for years and suffers from insufficient funds. But if you should catch one of them, please check your Blue Cross policy, you might not be covered for messing with anyone under 55 years of age... "peace" the "Shadow" is out of here till next time and remember I take no prisoners and hold nothing sacred - bye.

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Bateman stated "I hit the ground running. 'I had just left my job at City Hall in late August and two weeks later my company was doing the public relations for King's historic visit to Newark.' The flamboyant 'King of Boxing,' along with large entourage were on hand to meet and greet fans and city officials.

King's career as a promoter began when he asked world-renowned heavy-weight champion Muhammad Ali to do a benefit fight for a hospital in his hometown of Cleveland, Ohio. When Ali agreed, King was on his way to a career that spans three decades and almost 400 championship fights.

King's fame as the greatest boxing promoter of all time skyrocketed further on June 28, 1997 with "The Sound and the Fury: Holyfield-Tyson II," the most successful boxing event in the history of the sport in which Evander Holyfield retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight title after defeating Mike Tyson in three rounds. Reportedly, almost two million households nationwide, along with closed-circuit viewers in 110 countries, watched this much talked about event in which Tyson was disqualified for twice hitting his opponent's ear.

FCCDC founder Carolyn Kelley arranged Dan King's visit to Newark to bring attention to the facility she established in 1992. The Center provides training in championship boxing and martial arts to young men and women from the greater-Newark area, while helping to develop positive social and self-empowerment skills. Housed in a former 7,500-ft. furniture store which had been abandoned for 20 years, the \$325,000 facility has full boxing and medical detection facilities and provides



Celeste Bateman, Carolyn Kelley and Dan King

physical fitness training. According to the Center's executive director, Arthur Frazier, plans are in the works to provide job-training and day care services.

FCCDC, which receives support from the City of Newark and private donors, boasts a medical facility formed under the guidance of neurosurgeon Alan Butler Clark to evaluate the physical status of participants in the boxing program before and after bouts, and train ringside physicians, assistants, trainers, managers and paramedical personnel. At the medical facility, personnel are trained to recognize and diagnose injuries and provide emergency treatment. According to Kelley, the purpose of King's visit was to bring attention to this Newark gem, its programs and services, and lend much needed support. "We're one of the best kept secrets in Newark," Kelley stated, "but we don't want to be. We want the community both to know about and utilize this beautiful facility. We offer valuable programs for the mind, body and spirit, and teach children and adults to feel good about themselves through physical fitness and discipline."

The ceremony included remarks from local officials, performances, a tour of the facility, and naming a street corner Dan King Plaza. Bob Lee, president of the U.S. Boxing Association/International Boxing Association (USBA/IBA), said "To my knowledge, no city has named a street after Dan King. He has been an inspiration to legions of children, seniors and fighters, who fought under his banner. The renaming of the street (Custer Avenue) will let people know forever more that Dan King passed this way." Mayor Sharpe James presented King with a proclamation and the key to the city.

"Dan King's career has eclipsed everyone in his field, yet he has not forgotten his roots," Kelley said. "He has given generously of his time and money to charities and philanthropic organizations across this country, especially to those that benefit our young people. His interest in academic and athletic programs for American youth is legendary, that is why he came to observe what we are doing in Newark," she concluded.

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